

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Democratic campaign will be opened at Winchester Sept. 9.

J. Frank Hanby is tipped as the probable nominee of the Prohibition party for President.

Oscar McDaniel, a soldier of Horse Branch, broke his wrist Thursday while sparring at Ft. Thomas.

Belgians are getting ready at Havre to reassemble the Belgian parliament as soon as the Germans are driven out of their country.

The reporters and a British steamer watching at Baltimore are making it hard for the Deutschland to make a get-away unseen.

Indiana Bull Moosers named a full state ticket headed by Thos. A. Daily for Governor. A resolution to not nominate was voted down.

Mrs. Bertha Erwin, at Princeton, had trouble with a live spider that crawled into her ear and remained 30 hours until removed by a physician.

Judge Settle, of the Court of Appeals, has decided in favor of Gov. Stanley's appointees in the Paducah muddle. Mayor Ernest Lackey and Commissioners Wallace, Clay and Corbett are winners.

No new cases of smallpox have developed at Ft. Thomas. Recruits are needed to take the places of rejected men. It is hoped that the quarantine will be raised and the troops allowed to proceed to the border next week.

A New York woman set a new record by typewriting 1,186 words in 15 minutes. At that rate it won't be long until they will be able to write as fast as they talk.—Evansville Courier.

Seniority and merit will form the base of promotion in the Kentucky National Guard while in Federal service, according to a decision reached by Gov. Stanley, Adj. Gen. J. Tandy Ellis and Col. William A. Colston at Frankfort.

During a thunderstorm that struck the Falls City Thursday afternoon a boy was killed by lightning and three persons were drowned when their skill capsized. Considerable damage was done to crops in the eastern part of Jefferson county.

J. Col. Embury Allen, of Lexington, commanding officer of the Second Infantry, Kentucky National Guard, was Thursday ordered discharged from the service because of physical unfitness. "It is a bitter disappointment," was all Col. Allen said when notified of his disqualification. His discharge from the service comes after twenty-three years of service, characterized by efficient effort. Col. Allen's disability now is the result of an internal injury received during the Spanish-American War. At that time he was a Major, attached to the Second Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers during a maneuver one day at Chickamauga, Col. Allen was thrown violently to the ground when his horse stumbled. Hernia resulted and Col. Allen underwent an operation soon after the close of the war. Having experienced no trouble since that time, he believed himself perfectly sound and announcement of examiners here that the operation had not been entirely successful came as a shock to Col. Allen. Gov. Stanley will appoint his successor.

ED LINDSAY'S BARBECUE.

Ed Lindsay entertained a big bunch of his friends with a barbecue at his home near Elkton yesterday. Nothing was spared to make the occasion the happiest of the year. Speeches were made after the dinner had been disposed of.

Several automobiles took guests down from Hopkinsville. Among those who went were: T. C. Underwood, J. O. Cook, C. R. Clark, Alex. Overshiner, Tom Fairleigh and H. A. Smotherman.

PUSHING BACK THE GERMANS

Both French and British Make Further Gains in The West.

2,900 PRISONERS TAKEN

Foch's Soldiers Resume Drive on Somme as Well as Attack at Verdun.

London, July 21.—The Germans in the region of the Somme river have been forced before the fierce onslaughts of the French to give up first line trenches over a front of approximately six miles to the French and to the north of the river similar lines a thousand yards long to the British.

In Thursday's fighting, the French took 2,900 prisoners, three guns and about thirty machine guns and a large quantity of war materials. Stubborn opposition was encountered by the British in their advance and the fighting continued heavy on the outskirts of Longueval village and in Delyville wood.

WORK TOWARD VERDUN.

Northeast of Verdun, the French have forged further forward near the Thiaumont work and in the vicinity of Fluey.

The Germans southwest of Lutsk and the Austro-Hungarians at the bend on the Stokhod river north of Sokul in Volhynia have gone on the offensive against the Russians and gained successes over them, according to Berlin. In the region of Riga and near Baranovichi heavy Russian attacks against the lines of the Teutonic allies were repulsed.

Petrograd reports further gains for the Russians against the Turks in the Caucasus region.

Military critics here discuss the new situation which has arisen, pointing out that Germany is now compelled to act on the defensive, and they speculate as to how soon Germany may find herself obliged to make retirements in an attempt to shorten her extensive, but supposedly thinly held lines, especially on the eastern front.

9 FRENCHMEN TOOK THE FORT

Paris, July 20.—One of the most striking episodes of the great Somme offensive was the taking of the field fort at Blaches and the garrison of 113 men by nine French soldiers. The fort had resisted throughout the artillery bombardment, and the infantry attacks had been checked by murderous machine gun fire. By a lucky chance a French officer discovered the precious secret that the terrible bombardment had made the fort vulnerable at one point. Selecting a second lieutenant, two sergeants, a corporal and four men, he led them on hands and knees through the long grass to the spot where he knew there was a breach in the defenses. They reached their objective point without the Germans learning of their approach.

Abruptly three of the French officers leaped into the work shouting in stentorian tones: "Forward with the bayonet!" and throwing bombs which exploded in the dugout. The other six daring Frenchmen remained behind ready to retreat if the attempt failed. But the Germans, taking unaware, had no time to get their weapons and surrounded almost without a show of fight. When one of their number fell, shot by a revolver fired point blank by the commanding officer, the Germans, 113 in all, came out of their shelters and threw up their hands, the French assert.

The three French captors now began to feel nervous, as they saw no reason why the Germans should not fall upon and exterminate them. But at this moment the other six hurried in. Their resolute energy imposed upon the Germans, who believed that the new arrivals were followed by

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Rates of New Law Now Fixed And Insurance Companies are Taking Risks.

Insurance agents are now in the city arranging with employers for putting into operation the new Workmen's Compensation Law, which becomes effective August 1, 1916. The rates for the various lines of business have been fixed by the State board and are substantially the same as obtain in Illinois. For printing and publishing establishments the rates are 90 cents per \$1,000 for the clerical department and mechanical department \$6.40 per \$1,000 on the annual pay roll. For instance, a pay roll of \$5,000 would be \$32 a year, to be paid to a company that would carry all indemnity risks of employees who elect to come under the provisions of the law. Those who do not will not have any of the advantages to be gained from the law, in the event an injury should be sustained. In some lines of business, classed as extra hazardous, the rates are of course much higher.

many others. The German officers in the fort then threw down their arms, and the entire garrison was marched to the French rear, escorted by the nine captors, who had not lost a man.

The Last Word at Verdun.

The French military staff reports that while the fighting continues around Verdun and the German Crown Prince or his advisers continue to send the German troops forward in wave after wave, the fighting is not apparently launched with any idea of carrying the post. Efforts are made to weaken the French army, to take prisoners and to use up the enemy's ammunition, but the elaborate plan of attack, as launched February 3 last, no longer appears.

Supplementing this statement, a military observer who has been at the Verdun front within the last ten days says:

The battle of Verdun is practically over. The only consideration affecting the Germans now is how to let go without admitting it. It is similar to the case of the British at Gallipoli.

This seems to be a correct analysis of the situation, but why did the German staff make such prodigious efforts to take Verdun if the fall of that post would, as both the French and English officers say, have cut so little figure in the general result?

The expedition at Gallipoli was intelligible enough. Granting that its execution was bungled, it is plain, and it was always plain, that if the English could have forced the Bosphorus and captured Constantinople the results would have been tremendous. Bulgaria would never have come into the war; Turkey would long ago have quit; Serbia would have been saved.

The Verdun campaign, on the other hand, has been from the first a blank mystery to all but the German staff. It was the strongest point in the French line. It was supplied from the rear with such ample railroad facilities that the French had no difficulty in getting reserves and ammunition to the front, and the English could, at any time since the attack began, have sent hundreds of thousands of soldiers to its relief. Lastly, so the French have always insisted, the fall of Verdun would not have led to anything. The French had three strongly entrenched lines between Verdun and Paris. After taking Verdun the Germans would have been forced to batter away at the strongest points in the French line of defense.

The whole thing is incomprehensible. It is, of course, true that a brilliant attack upon the strongest point in the French line, launched under the direction of the heir to the German throne and carried out in two weeks or a month with success, would have had considerable political effect. Such an exploit would have added to the German prestige, but this does not explain why the German staff, who must surely have foreseen the attack upon them that is now in progress, wasted men in tens of thousands after the fighting of the first month had failed to mark any appreciable gain.—Louisville Post.

DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY

At Dawson Wednesday Afternoon in Which Two Men Were Killed.

OFFICER BESET BY 4 MEN

Fought Single Handed Fight Until Shot From Behind.

The following details of the killing of Chief of Police Kinchen H. Keach, at Dawson Wednesday, are given in press dispatches:

Both Chief of Police K. H. Keach and K. D. Rogers were shot and instantly killed. Keach's only shot was fatal to Rogers, while M. M. Logan, a deputized officer, fired the fatal ball into Keach.

The shooting was the outcome of a warrant in the hands of Constable Ferguson for Chief of Police Keach, sworn out by K. D. Rogers, alleging ill treatment while under arrest a few days ago. Ferguson upon arrival in Dawson deputized M. M. Logan, a brother of Sheriff Tom Logan, of Hopkins county; D. F. Tribble, a former policeman at Dawson, and K. D. Rogers to assist him in making the arrest.

REFUSED TO DISARM.

According to witnesses upon presentation of the warrant Keach said he would go with Constable Ferguson, but refused to be disarmed. Rogers interceded and both parties pulled their pistols, it is stated by those who saw the affair, and Rogers fired at Keach, the ball taking effect in the shoulder. Keach then returned with one shot, which was fatal, penetrating Rogers' heart.

Deputy Tribble and the Constable then caught Keach around the waist in an effort to disarm him. While the three men were struggling M. M. Logan, it is stated, shot Keach, death resulting instantly.

A suit is pending in the Hopkins Circuit Court between the two dead men, resulting from an arrest made in a restaurant of K. D. Rogers in Dawson some months ago.

Deputy Marshal Bittick, who was on the scene at the time the two men were killed, was placed under arrest by Constable Ferguson on a warrant issued by D. F. Tribble alleging Bittick had threatened his life during the melee.

LOGAN SURRENDERS.

Upon arrival of Sheriff Tom Logan, of Madisonville, his brother, M. M. Logan, surrendered, stating that he killed Keach, but for the defense of the other officers and the crowd of witnesses. Officer Bittick was also taken in charge and removed to Madisonville with Logan. The bodies were removed to an undertaking establishment, where the coroner's inquest was held.

Keach was a brother of Ovid Keach, of this city, and was a member of the police force of this city in 1913. After leaving this city he went to Fredonia and as town marshal made such a good reputation as a fearless officer that Dawson Springs elected him Jan. 1, 1916, to be chief of police there, for the especial purpose of breaking up gambling and blind tigers. He had been very persistent in enforcing the prohibition law.

CAUSE OF TRAGEDY.

Keach arrested Rogers last month on a county warrant charging him with "bootlegging." It is said that Keach was compelled to strike Rogers several times before he could subdue him. Rogers was taken to Madisonville and upon trial was sentenced to twenty days in jail.

SWEARS OUT WARRANT.

Rogers completed his twenty-days sentence Wednesday morning and was released from jail. He came back to Dawson and went before Magistrate John Franklin of that district and swore out a warrant against Keach for assault and battery. The warrant was placed in the hands of Bill Ferguson, constable, to serve. Ferguson

LIVED OUT A CENTURY

Mrs. Eliza Hart, of Trigg County, Has Lived 100 Years.

Mrs. Eliza Hart, of Cerulean Springs, celebrated her one-hundredth anniversary Thursday. Friends from miles around came to pay honor to her on her centenary. All brought basket lunches and a big picnic dinner was held at her home. Many healths and toasts were made wishing Mrs. Hart continued health and happiness. She is still hale and hearty and greatly enjoyed the celebration of her birthday.

Mrs. Hart is the great-grandmother of Mrs. E. H. Hester, of this city.

swore in Dick Rogers, Frank Tribble and Mack Logan as deputies to assist in the arrest of Keach. They encountered him at Hamby's well.

Rogers was shot through the heart by Keach and killed instantly. Keach was shot behind the right ear by Mack Logan and died within a few moments.

WOMEN FAINT.

The double killing caused the greatest excitement among the entire population and hundreds of summer guests at the various hotels. It was witnessed by hundreds of people who were on the streets and on hotel porches. Consternation reigned when pistols cracked and the two men fell in their tracks. Pedestrians on the streets ran for places of safety and resorters around hotels rushed for cover. Several women who witnessed the tragedy fainted, and others became hysterical and screamed until given medical attention.

Keach was 50 years old and leaves a wife and eight children. Some of his children are grown and two live in this county—Mrs. Robt. Wolfe, near Herndon, and Miss Ethel Keach, in this city. One married daughter lives in Indiana and the others lived with their parents at Dawson.

Rogers left a wife and several children. He was 60 years old. The body was brought here Thursday afternoon and buried in Riverside Cemetery. The body was taken directly from the depot to the cemetery, where brief services were held by Rev. C. M. Thompson, of the Baptist church.

A number of Dawson Springs people accompanied the remains here and among the floral offerings was a handsome wreath which bore a card reading, "From the temperance and law abiding citizens of Dawson Springs, with love and sympathy."

Mrs. Noble Gibson, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Robt. Wolfe, of Herndon; Hawkins Keach, of Henderson, Miss Ethel Keach, of this city and Annie, Cassie, Preston and Nannie Keach, of Dawson, were here at the funeral of their father. Mrs. Keach, the widow, was waited upon by a large delegation of law-abiding people of Dawson who pinned upon her a badge of honor for her husband's work, in which he gave up his life.

BETHEL WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

The catalogues for Bethel Woman's College were issued this week and arrangements are being made for a most successful session this fall, which will open Sept. 14. President W. S. Peterson is greatly pleased with the outlook. The Board has set aside a fund for making some needed improvements on the college building.

BURIED HERE.

The body of Miss Minnie May Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Fox, who died at Knoxville Tuesday afternoon, was brought here for interment yesterday morning. The funeral party arrived here at 10 o'clock and went directly to the grave where brief services were held.

Stole a Ham.

Upshaw O'Brien, an old offender about police court, drew a sentence of three months for stealing a ham from C. R. Clark & Co. this week.

WAITING FOR APPROVAL

And Then the Turnpike Contractors Will Start Big Doings.

ON SIX ROADS AT ONCE

First Work Will Be Started On the Madisonville Road North.

The itemized figures of the six contracts awarded to Montgomery & Perkins Wednesday for road construction were as follows:

Clarksville road, 16 miles, \$27,674.84.
Dover road, 21 miles, \$34,359.00.
Elkton road, 10 miles, \$17,499.66.
Madisonville road, 18 miles, \$61,486.00.
Nashville road, 11 miles, \$28,021.56.
Princeton road, 10 miles, \$39,236.82.
The total of \$208,277.88 will by agreement be scaled about \$10,000 by changes in the specifications.

Before these contracts can become actually in effect they must be approved, together with the bond of the contractors, by the state good roads department at Frankfort. This it is expected will be done without delay.

The concrete work has been sublet to M. G. Moore for about \$15,000. The Madisonville road will be fixed first and Mr. Moore is preparing to build all culverts and bridges needed as soon as the contract is approved. The work is to be completed on all of the roads in 150 working days.

Ralph Taylor, who built the State Capital at Frankfort, is a member of this firm.

Other roads are being conveyed for similar contracts, notably the Cadiz, Butterfield and Greenville roads.

WHEAT NOW \$1.25.

Wheat is now selling at \$1.25 a bushel on the local market, but hardly any is being sold. The crop is very light, the best yields not making more than ten or twelve bushels an acre. Flour has advanced 90 cents a barrel this week.

MARTIN FLIES THE G. O. P. BOX

Leaves Fowler And Penecost

To Scrap For Congressional Nomination.

W. N. Martin, of Earlington, one of the three Republicans seeking the nomination for Congress in the primary election August 5, withdrew this week, authorizing County Clerk Harris to leave his name off the Christian county ballots.

This leaves a clear cut race between W. T. Fowler, of Christian, and E. J. Penecost, of Henderson, for the empty honor.

Doctors In Tragedy.

Two hours after his sweetheart, Dr. Ophelia Adams, had died of an overdose of poison at Boston, Dr. Eldridge D. Atwood shot and probably fatally wounded Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy. Atwood was arrested in the office his sweetheart had occupied after a struggle. The police say he admitted he shot Harris because his fiancée told him it was impossible to marry him because Harris had wronged her.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Dennis Thomas, recently paroled from the Eddyville prison, shot himself through the left arm Wednesday, at the home of his father, Wesley Thomas, near Bennettsburg. Three shots were fired, but only one took effect, shattering the bone. Thomas was in a room alone.